

Environmental Protection Agency

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use and repair of the vehicle in order to provide reasonable assurance of the elimination or minimization of noise emission degradation throughout the life of the vehicle.

(2) The purpose of the instructions is to inform purchasers and mechanics of those acts necessary to reasonably assure that degradation of noise emission level is eliminated or minimized during the life of the vehicle. Manufacturers should prepare the instructions with this purpose in mind. The instructions should be clear and, to the extent practicable, written in nontechnical language.

(3) The instructions must not be used to secure an unfair competitive advantage. They should not restrict replacement equipment to original equipment or service to dealer service. Manufacturers who so restrict replacement equipment should be prepared to make public any performance specifications on such equipment.

(b) For the purpose of encouraging proper maintenance, the manufacturer shall provide a record or log book which shall contain a schedule for the performance of all required noise emission control maintenance. Space shall be provided in this record book so that the purchaser can note what maintenance was done, by whom, where and when.

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§ 205.59 Recall of noncomplying vehicles.

(a) Pursuant to section 11(d)(1) of the Act, the Administrator may issue an order to the manufacturer to recall and repair or modify any vehicle distrib-

uted in commerce not in compliance with this subpart.

(b) A recall order issued pursuant to this section shall be based upon a determination by the Administrator that vehicles of a specified category or configuration have been distributed in commerce which do not conform to the regulations. Such determination may be based on:

(1) A technical analysis of the noise emission characteristics of the category or configuration in question; or

(2) Any other relevant information, including test data.

(c) For the purposes of this section, noise emissions may be measured by any test prescribed in § 205.54 for testing prior to sale or any other test which has been demonstrated to correlate with the prescribed test procedure.

(d) Any such order shall be issued only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(e) All costs, including labor and parts, associated with the recall and repair or modification of non-complying vehicles under this section shall be borne by the manufacturer.

(f) This section shall not limit the discretion of the Administrator to take any other actions which are authorized by the Act.

APPENDIX I TO SUBPART B OF PART 205

TABLE I—SAMPLE SIZE CODE LETTERS

Batch size	Code letter
4 to 8	A.
9 to 15	B.
16 to 25	C.
26 and larger	D.

TABLE II—SAMPLING PLANS FOR INSPECTING BATCHES

Sample size code letter	Test sample	Test sample size	Cumulative test sample size	Batch inspection criteria	
				Acceptance No.	Rejection No.
A	1st	4	4	0	1
B	1st	3	3	0	1
C	1st	3	3	0	2
	2d	3	6	1	2
D	1st	2	2	(¹)	2
	2d	2	4	(¹)	2
	3d	2	6	0	2
	4th	2	8	0	3
	5th	2	10	1	3
	6th	2	12	1	3